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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The documents listed on the attached PT0/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. A partial English translation of the Japanese Office Action of March 14, 2007, follows:

[I]n image retrieval systems, technology for grouping the results of a search, and technology for extracting representative images from said groups [are described], for example, [in] Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-316846.)

Moreover, [there is described] grouping images that are temporally continuous (in, for example, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H5-181905), searching query images using video (in, for example, Nevenka Dimitrava, Content-based video retrieval by example video clip), and extracting a characteristic quantity after compressing the image (in, for example, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-259832).

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-207897

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2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-316846

3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H5-181905

4. Nevenka Dimitrava, Mohammed Abdel-Mottaleb, Content-based video retrieval by example video clip, Storage and Retrieval for Image and Video Databases 5, Proceedings of SPIE, United States, Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE), February 13, 1997, Volume 3022, Pages 59-70

5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-259832

Document D1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document D2.

Copies of Documents D4-D6 are not provided herewith as these documents were submitted with Applicant's Information Disclosure Statements of 09/19/2001, 04/02/2006 and 10/03/2006.

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese office action are based on a translation that applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by applicants, with or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese office action.

Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

STATEMENT

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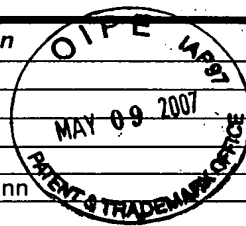
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